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Applicant : Culbert et al.  
App. No : 10/623,193  
Filed : July 18, 2003  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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Examiner : Anuradha Ramana  
Art Unit : 3733

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The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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Excess Claims	0 - 30 = 0	2202 (\$25)	x 25 =	\$0
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Group II (Claims 18-28), drawn to a method of spinal fixation for prosecution in the present application. The present election is being made without traverse.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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